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## Revitalizing Aven Court

As summer finally unfolds at AVENS, we're excited to share some much-anticipated news regarding Aven Court. Thanks to a successful collaboration with NT Housing, we've secured funding to revamp our aging outdoor patios at Aven Court, and we can't to see the transformation.

*“Great spaces foster great connections. We are making Aven Court a place where NEW memories can be made.”*

*Steven Nicholas, AVENS Chief Operations Officer*

We're pleased to announce that **Arctic Farmer**, led by our familiar friend **Darwin Rudkevitch**, has been selected as the contractor for this project. Many of you may remember Darwin's excellent work on the Aven Pavilion landscaping, so we know we're in good hands.

This summer, we're tackling a comprehensive renovation. We'll be removing the old patio beams, stones, and storage sheds that have served us well but are now past their prime. The

patios will be re-leveled to create a safe and stable space for everyone to enjoy. In trying to be good stewards of our planet and in support of being environmentally sustainable, we'll be washing the bricks off-site with appropriate chemicals and repurposing them in the new designs, while also bringing in some new stones for a fresh look.



Today, this is how most patio's look; uneven patio stones, overgrowth between the stones, unusable planting areas, beams and patio sheds that are completely rotten throughout

Each of the 24 patios will also receive a brand-new shed, carefully built and positioned to enhance both utility and appearance.

Throughout the project, our maintenance teams will be on hand to assist both the contractor and tenants, ensuring everything runs smoothly. A contractor garbage bin will be set up on site for project waste only—please remember not to dispose of personal items in this bin.

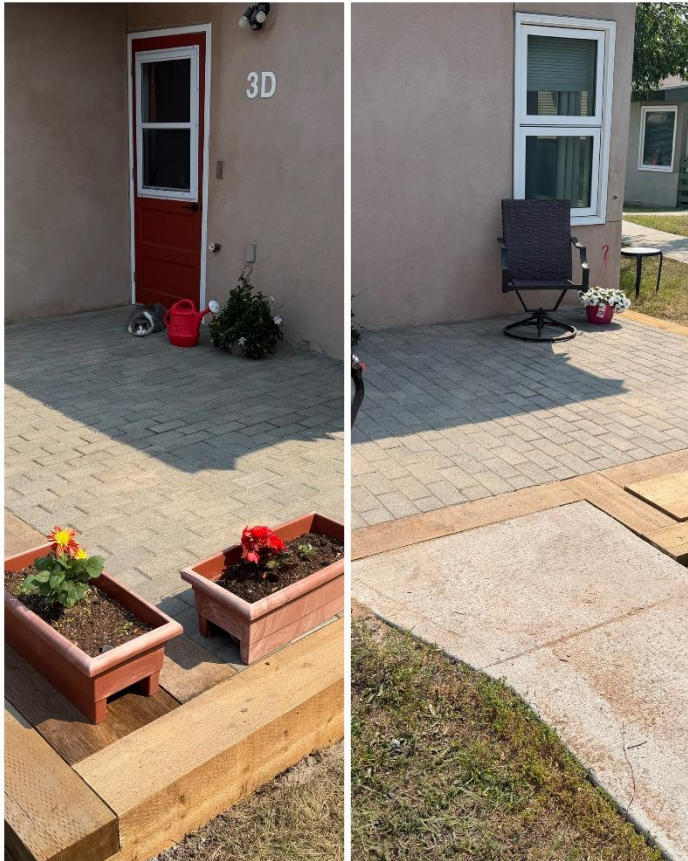


In the following photo's you can appreciate the backbreaking work of demolition and renovation. Bricklaying is an art form, when done right, these patios can last 20 plus years without having to touch them



As we embark on this renovation, please be mindful to slow down while driving on campus and follow any posted signage. Your cooperation helps keep our community safe.

We look forward to the day when these revamped patios become vibrant spaces for all of us to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support as we enhance Aven Court!



This space has had the brick work redone, but is still in need of railings, shed and trim



This is very simple AI version (Not to scale or colour) of what the completed patio should look like from before (left side) and after (right side)

## From Vision To Reality- Closing Our Fundraising Initiative

On July 7, 2026, I felt a sense of pride. As on this day we marked the successful closure of our **"Homes for Seniors – Choice Matters!"** fundraising initiative, and I couldn't wait to share the news with everyone who had played a part in this incredible journey.



Who can ever forget our winter “The Wave” community launch of the fundraising event in 2024?

When we launched this campaign back in November 2024, our goal was ambitious: raise \$800,000 to enhance the Aven Pavilion, a project designed to foster physical health, mental well-being, and social engagement among our seniors. Now, as I reflect on the last 19 months, I can hardly believe the support we've received. Together, we raised **\$673,454**—a remarkable achievement that brings us closer to our vision for a nurturing environment for our seniors.

I remember the excitement when the Eggenberger family made their initial donation. It was a spark that ignited our campaign and inspired others to join our mission. Their generosity, along with contributions from

countless individuals, families, and local businesses, demonstrated the true spirit of community.

**GOAL 1**  
Diverse Activity Rooms  
"ENHANCEMENTS"

**GOAL 2**  
Legacy Naming Rights  
Opportunities

**GOAL 3**  
Maintenance and  
Sustainability

Fundraising Target:  
**\$800K**





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"With the opening of the Aven Pavilion, our new seniors affordable housing flagship, "Homes for Seniors - Choice Matters", is AVENS latest fundraising initiative. It is aimed at enriching the lives of seniors, by providing customizable activity spaces that honor their preferences and empower them to engage in fulfilling experiences. Additionally, we're offering naming rights opportunities for donors to leave a lasting legacy, ultimately fostering a better, and more vibrant, community for all Northerners. We invite you to point your compass north, and join us on this exciting journey together, where everyone deserves a place to call home."



As we close the main fundraising initiative, I'm thrilled to announce that naming rights opportunities within the Pavilion remain available. This allows generous individuals and corporations to leave a lasting legacy. Imagine having the **Aven Pavilion** named in your honour for **\$250,000**, or securing naming rights for "The Loop" road for just **\$75,000**. What a profound way to impact our community!

With the contributions already secured, the AVENS Board of Directors and our operations team have begun implementing improvements within the Pavilion. The excitement of our plans for the future is well underway, and I can't wait to see how these enhancements will benefit our residents.

Though we didn't hit our target, the journey was about more than just numbers. It was about connection. Colleen Wellborn, our Board Chair, reminded us how this initiative has strengthened our bonds. *"The Aven Pavilion represents a collaborative effort to ensure our seniors receive the care and support they deserve,"* she said, and her words echoed in my mind as I considered our shared commitment to this cause.



One final "Thank you for your Support!" is found splashed on our fundraising boards on 50<sup>th</sup> Street



Avens closes fundraiser after receiving \$673,000 to enhance rooms

Ollie Williams  
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 8:46am MT



Aven Pavilion in October 2025. Emily Blake/Cabin Radio

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Yellowknife seniors' group Avens is ending a major fundraiser after just over a year and half, saying it has received \$673,454 to put toward enhancing rooms at its new Pavilion accommodation block.

**Thank you to Cabin Radio for covering our media release on our fundraising success**

As we celebrate this achievement, I urge everyone to stay engaged. Your ongoing support creates vibrant spaces for activities that enrich the lives of our seniors.

Thank you for being an essential part of this mission. Together, we are building a future where seniors can age well and remain connected to a caring community. The journey continues, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish next.